

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 and 27-51 are currently pending in the application and are subject to a Restriction and Election of Species Requirement. Claims 1, 3, 5, 11-13, and 40 have been amended.

The Office identifies 5 different groups and indicates that Group I includes claims 1-6, 12, 15, 17-18, 46, and 48-51.

Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I, including claims 1-6, 12, 15, 17-18, 46, and 48-51.

In addition, the Office requests election of one single species from categories A-D.

As requested, applicants elect:

1. SEQ ID NO:22 from category A
2. SEQ ID NO:22 from category B
3. SEQ ID NO:27 from category C
4. SEQ ID NO:31 from category D

Claims 1-6, 12, 15, 17, 18, 46, and 48-51 are believed to read on SEQ ID NO:22. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 12, 15, 17, 18, 46, and 50 are believed to read on SEQ ID NO:27. Claims 1-6, 12, 15, 17, 18, 46 and 50 are believed to read on SEQ ID NO:31.

Applicants respectfully request an examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted



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